FOLKS, Duke Energy launch Adopt-An-Island program

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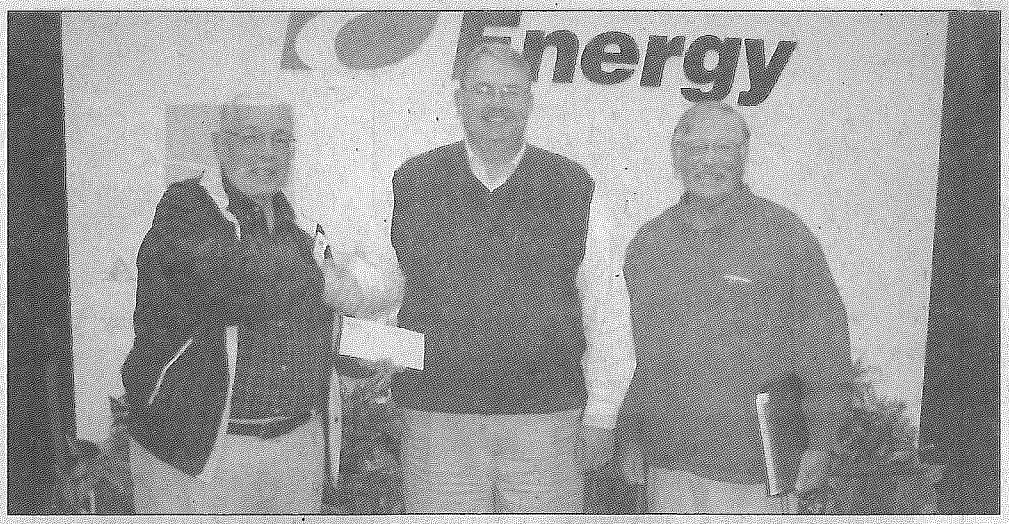
SENECA — If you have ever wanted to "adopt an island," your chance is at hand.

Friends of Lake Keowee Society (FOLKS), in association with Duke Energy, is launching an Adopt-An-Island program to clean up, monitor and enhance the Lake Keowee islands as wildlife habitats.

"There are 67 islands in Lake Keowee, and our aim is to find individuals and groups who are willing to devote some time and effort to systematically clean and monitor each of the islands," said FOLKS President Bill Graham. "Some of the islands need shoreline mitigation because of wave erosion and others would be ideal for wildlife."

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Those interested in helping with the bi-annual lake sweeps or becoming an island keeper may contact the FOLKS office at (864) 882-3655.



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Scott Jolley, center, Duke Energy Lake Services Project Manager, presents a check to Friends of Lake Keowee Society President Bill Graham, left, and Director Jack Lewis. The funds will be used to produce and erect lake island number signs.

The erection of the numbering signs on the larger islands in Lake Keowee was done by FOLKS in 1995, with funds provided by the Kent Frebert Memorial Fund.

Kent Frebert was a young man from Cincinnati who often visited friends living in the area. To his family and friends back home in Ohio, he sang the praises of Lake Keowee. When he died, his family suggested donations to Friends of Lake Keowee Society, among other worthy causes.

Over the years, many of the signs have fallen into a state of disrepair and in some cases have become invisible, shielded behind vegetation.

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